

Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation

2018 SPRING CAMPAIGN

"We Can't Do What We Do Without You"!

Welcome to the 2018 Spring Campaign edition of our newsletter. Whether you donate to our campaigns, support our events, raffles, and fundraisers, or have established a new relationship with us, you are helping us make a difference, right here in Brandon ~ "We Can't Do What We Do Without You"!

For this year's Spring Campaign, the equipment list at the BRHC has been thoughtfully reviewed to select items for potential purchase; the first two items are from their prioritized list. We are hoping to raise the funds to purchase these items.

Option #1: a full sized refrigerator for breast milk in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)). The high numbers of babies requiring care in this special unit has resulted in the need for a larger fridge. Value \$5,100.

Option # 2: a blood/fluid warmer for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). This equipment warms fluid when infusing into the patient to prevent shock to the patient's system and results in more positive patient outcomes. Value \$11,300.

Option # 3: General equipment (Identified Needs fund) - donations accumulate and items are purchased from the hospital's equipment list.

Thank you so very much for your consideration and support!

2017 GALA PROCEEDS

The 2017 Gala Committee is thrilled to share that \$73,634.80 was raised from the SOLD OUT event held September 30. The spectacular evening included champagne, gourmet meal, wine, chocolates, a complimentary photo, prizes and dancing. Thank you to everyone who supported this 27th annual fundraiser!

Equipment purchased for the BRHC included a fetal monitor and waterless milk



warmers for the Maternal/Child areas, a physiological monitor for the Dialysis Unit, and a hyper-hypothermia unit for the Emergency Department.

Planning has begun on the 2018 "Venetian Masked Gala" event. Sponsorship opportunities or ticket inquiries can be made to the Foundation office by calling 204-578-4227 or by email at info@brhcfoundation.ca

2017 Gala Co-Chairs (L) Brett Kennedy and (R) Barb Webber present the proceeds to Linda Noto, Foundation Board Chair

CANADIAN TIRE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY

The Foundation extends a huge thank you to Brandon's Canadian Tire for their donation of \$1,000 following our "Charity of the Week" opportunity. We had a presence in the store from January 8 to 14 to share information about the Foundation, sell our Wheat Kings jersey raffle tickets, and take donations.

This opportunity to partner with a local business who supports local charities benefits everyone in our community.



(L-R): Nikki Wirth-Merchandiser, Robbie Lawson-Office, Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director and Sherise Nowosad-Store Manager



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THANK YOU



"HOLIDAY AROUND THE WORLD" 2017 RAFFLE WINNER

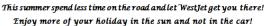
Mark Graceffo of Winnipeg was the holder of ticket number #574 and the lucky winner of our 2017 WestJet "Holiday Around the World" winter fundraising raffle. Linda Noto, Board Chair, made the draw in the BRHC atrium on December 22.

Proceeds of \$8,942.70 will be used for the purchase of equipment for the Maternal/Child areas of the hospital. Many thanks to WestJet for their generous, ongoing support, and to everyone who supported this successful fundraiser.



Board Chair Linda Noto presents Mark Graceffo with his prize







WIN a return trip for two (2) people to any scheduled WestJet destination! (Retail Value – up to \$2,900 – some restrictions apply)

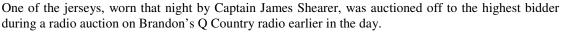
TICKETS: \$10 each or 3 for \$20

Oraw date: May 31, 2018, @ 2:00 pm in the BRHC atrium - For more information or tickets, call the Foundation office at 204-578-4227 LGA 4606-RF-28456

BRANDON WHEAT KINGS SCORE FOR WESTERN MANITOBA CANCER CENTRE

The Brandon Wheat Kings teamed up with both the Foundation and the Western MB Cancer Centre to raise awareness and proceeds from the February 9th game. The Wheat Kings took to the ice in special Team Canada Jerseys that were auctioned off throughout the game, with proceeds going to the Foundation for the Western MB Cancer Centre.

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In addition to the game jersey auction, the Foundation sold \$5 raffle tickets for a Wheat Kings team signed jersey. The draw for the jersey was made at the game and the lucky winner was Katy Stewart!

Thank you to everyone who supported this partnership with our Wheat Kings. Proceeds came in at close to \$13,450!

Jamie Thomas, Board Treasurer, models the raffle jersey while selling tickets at the game with Gail Janz, Foundation Assistant

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SPARKS DONATION TO PEDIATRICS/NICU

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Brandon Firefighters Charity Fund and members of Vincent Massey High School's Youth Revolution Group, the Foundation received a combined donation of \$3,622 for the Pediatrics/Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

These funds will be used to purchase three axillary thermometers - easy to use, placed under the child's armpit to provide accurate temperature readings on newborns, premature, and unwell babies.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising initiatives of these groups.



(L-R): Board Chair Linda Noto, Josh Paziuk-President Brandon Fire Fighters (BFF) Charity Fund, Mike Lang (BFF), Vincent Massey Youth Revolution students Claire Li, Melissa Kerik, Emily Robb, Maya Schneiderbanger, Iryna Prozhyfova, Lauren Shymanski, Natalie Zayvoda with Tammy Turner-Maternal/Child Care Team Manager and Robin Chant (BFF)

FOUNDATION "SEW" GRATEFUL TO NIFTY NEEDLERS

The Foundation is "sew" grateful to long time supporters, the Nifty Needlers, for their donation of \$5,000, representing proceeds from their 2016 quilt raffle and quilt show. This very generous donation will purchase six wheeled commode chairs for the acute care areas (200 and 300) of the Brandon Regional Health Centre.

The Nifty Needlers meet regularly to share their love of sewing and quilting and are long-time supporters of the Foundation.

(L-R): Barb Walker, Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director, Bev Morrice, Joyce Wardle and Jeanne Mustard

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PEACE BY PIECE

Thank you to the Peace by Piece Quilt Guild for their donation of \$2,000, proceeds from their 2017 "Underground Railroad" quilt raffle. The draw, performed at their annual quilt show on October 14th, was won by Karen Brown.

The Underground Railroad quilt raffle was a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle, and to the talented hands that created this beautiful quilt!

Cindy Buizer (L) Foundation Executive Director, accepts the donation from Sheryl Solcan-Peace by Piece Treasurer.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST "FLIPS" ON THE TREE OF LIGHTS CAMPAIGN!

Once again, our Annual Pancake Breakfast, held December 1, 2017, was a huge success. Breakfast was served by the Crocus Plains Culinary Arts students to the 340 in attendance and festive entertainment was provided by the lovely voices of the Crocus Plains Girls' Choir.



The annual "Tree of Lights" fundraiser is a wonderful and heartfelt way to remember and memorialize a loved one, or to honour someone special. Personalized tree tags are placed on the "Tribute Tree", located in the atrium of the hospital. Following the breakfast, the Trees of Lights in the traffic loop are illuminated as donations are received.

This year, donors could direct their donation toward one of three gifts "Under the Tree of Lights". These items were carefully selected from the hospital's equipment list with the hope of raising \$23,930. We are thrilled to share that we were able to purchase all three of the items including a fluoroscope stretcher

(Intensive Care Unit), an adult weight scale with height gauge (Singe Room Maternity Unit) and a blanket warmer (Endoscopy Unit).

Thank you so very much to everyone who supported the 2017 Pancake Breakfast and Tree of Lights Campaign.

To see what else community donations helped the Foundation to purchase in 2017, please see the back page ~

With Sincere Appreciation...

If you are interested in becoming a monthly donor, please contact the Foundation office at 204-578-4227

TRIBUTES



Tribute to Dr. Chris Beeston

The Emergency Department now has a portable ultrasound cardiac probe, valued at approximately \$9,000, thanks to a heartfelt donation received by the Foundation in memory of Dr. Chris Beeston (January 5, 1974 - October 1, 2017). His friends, Jason Bonneteau, Michael Silver and Dr. Norman Silver wanted to acknowledge Dr. Beeston's incredible contribution to the patients he cared for during his time with the BRHC Emergency Department.

When cardiac patients present in the Emergency Department, this probe will provide more accurate and timely cardiac information for diagnosis and treatment. This specialized piece of equipment is "something that Dr. Beeston would be most excited about".

Dr. Beeston joined the Emergency Department in 2007 as an Emergency Department physician and became Chief of Emergency Medicine in 2012. He also worked as a Hospitalist in the last few years.

Tribute to Dr. Robert Tang-Wai

Thanks to the family of Dr. Robert Tang-Wai, the Assiniboine Centre entrance now hosts a lovely seating area complete with sofa, chair and table. Dr. Tang-Wai used to enjoy chatting in this location and a plaque, "In Memory of Dr. Robert Tang-Wai, FRCP(C), Brandon's First Neurologist 1976 - 2015" has been thoughtfully placed on the face of the table.

These comfortable furnishings encourage sitting for a friendly chat while waiting at the entrance and will be enjoyed by many for years to come.



Our tribute list (recent donations made in memory/honor of loves ones) can be found on our website at www.brhcfoundation.ca

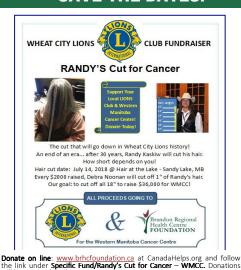
MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR - Linda Noto

I have found my time with the Foundation to be an experience like no other, particularly over the last two years as the Chair of the Board of Directors. It is exhilarating, enriching, and leaves me in awe of what this community continues to do. I am also very proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

Thank you to each and every one of our donors for the support we receive. Your contributions benefit both current and future generations (yours, mine, and everyone else's in the community).

SAVE THE DATES!







With Sincere Appreciation...

The Foundation Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere thank you to the individuals, organizations, and businesses in Brandon and throughout Western Manitoba who supported the Foundation in 2017. You are truly helping us make a difference in the healthcare of all served by the Brandon Regional Health Centre!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the BRHC Foundation was able to fund \$692,000 in equipment purchases and program support in 2017 including:

Anesthesia drug & supply cart (7)

Assiniboine entrance furniture

Axillary thermometer (3)

Bariatric wheelchair

Bassinet (3)

Blanket warmer (4)

Blood pressure monitor

Cancer patient support funding

Chairs

Chest cart for chest tube insertions

Easy Stand Evolve Stander

Epidural positioning device (2)

Eye chart projector

Fetal monitor

Fleece for baby blankets

Fluoroscope stretcher

Furniture for Look Good Program

Furniture for Western MB Cancer Centre

Auto Tymp hearing screener

High definition telescope (6)

High flow oxygen unit

Hover mat

Hyper-hypothermia system

Ice machine (2)

Maxi move mobile lifter w/accessories (2)

Motorized bariatric stretcher

Music to My Ears program funding

Nitrous oxide machine (9)

Nustep equipment

Palliative Care baskets

Palliative Care furniture

PDG Stellar wheelchair (2)

Physiological monitor

Portable ceiling lift with cart & reacher (5)

Portable screening odometer (4)

Portable ultrasound cardiac probe

Portable ultrasound machine

OUBE portable monitor

Recliner chair (8)

Scientec Zeta scale

Seating for Dialysis Unit wait room

Sit/stand patient lift (3)

Sleep chairs for Pediatrics Department

SPIN

Sunrise tilt wheelchair (2)

Television with wall bracket/mount (14)

Temporal thermometer (2)

Waterless milk warmer (4)

Waverly Glen transportable patient lift

Weight/height scale

Wheeled commode chair (6)

Mission:

To raise funds to support healthcare needs in the regional community

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